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NY [105-40574] (u)

JOHN DAVID GRIFFIN, Public Relations man associated with Dr. CARLOS MARQUEZ STERLING, head of the Movimiento del Pueblo Libre (MPL), advised on 6/17/60, that in discussion with MARQUEZ STERLING, MARQUEZ had stated that TONY VARONA has been unsuccessful in bringing the various Cuban exile groups together because of a statement attributed to VARONA. GRIFFIN said that the statement alleged to have been made by VARONA was to the effect that the Cuban exiles would take care of the present Cuban Government without the assistance of the United States or Russia. GRIFFIN stated that it was also reported to him by MARQUEZ STERLING that AURELIANO SANCHEZ ARANGO had agreed with the statement of VARONA. GRIFFIN advised that most of the Cubans in exile do not like this statement attributed to VARONA.

NY 2865-PSI on 6/10/60, had stated that Dr. ANTONIO VARONA had made a public statement whereby he said that should he be successful in getting into power in Cuba, he would grant a general amnesty to all connected with the government formed 1/1/59. The informant stated that many Cuban exiles did not like this statement which was alleged to have been published in Miami, Florida. The informant stated that Dr. JORGE BARROSO, former head of the Sugar Institute, had gone to Miami to confer with VARONA regarding this statement alleged to have been made by VARONA. (u)

The above is being submitted for the information of the Bureau and Miami.

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